GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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PHOTO IDENTITY CARDS TO VOTERS IN NEW DELHI/DELHI
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of voters in Delhi and particularly in New Delhi have not been issued photo identity cards;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to notify the voters in Delhi for getting their photo identity cards;

(c) whether any venue has been selected in New Delhi for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHI)

(a) & (b) : The coverage of Electors` Photo Identity Cards` (EPICs) distribution in Delhi and New Delhi is 66.81%, that is, as many as 54,62,382 out of 81,76,002 electors have been provided with EPICs as on 31st October, 2002.Since the commencement of the current campaign on 11th February, 2002 and uptill 31st October, 2002, as many as 17,22,597 EPICs have been distributed in the NCT of Delhi.The procedure followed in the National Capital Territory of Delhi comprises of three phases.In the first phase, the electors who had earlier not been issued EPICs, are invited through the letters by the vendors to the Designated Photographic Locations (DPL), indicating time and venue for preparation and issuance of EPICsIn some of the Assembly Constituencies, on completion of the first phase, the second phase has been started. In the second phase, the DPLs are open for all electors for preparation of fresh EPICs, duplicate EPICs, or any modification in the existing EPIC. The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer give publicity in the leading newspapers. The electors have to come to the DPL at their own convenience. The work is done by the vendors. After second phase is over, the third phase of EPIC programme has been launched in 16 Assembly Constituencies in which the programme of preparation and issue of EPICs is taken over by the election staff as a routine work.

(c) & (d) : Yes. There are 75 venues or DPLs in all the 70 Assembly Constituencies, which have already been publicized through leading newspapers.